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“Should private research companies be able to put a patent on a human gene?”

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Gene testing is a new science that is being explored in today’s society; geneticists around the world are diving into this area of science to find new cures to diseases of all types, so why should the public be prevented from researching these genes because another company “owns them”? These ownerships are called patents and stop many scientists from researching into these cures. This is the question I posse, I strongly believe that this is wrong and that all research information about any human gene should be property of the public not for a company to have a monopoly. This issue has many dilemmas attached to it such as morals and ethics, ownership and funding for their company.

Obviously there are many moral and ethical duties that have been broken by these companies, I believe as people we should share research and